

# **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

## **Professional Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 13, 2004

Office of EMS Conference Room

### ***Attendance***

#### **Committee Members**

Kathy Eubank  
Mike Berg

Jeff Reynolds

Lewis Jenkins

#### **Absent**

Dave Palmer (excused)

Sabina Braithwaite M.D.

Russell Blow

#### **Staff**

Gary Brown  
Tom Nevetral

Scott Winston  
Steve Puckett

Warren Short  
Chad Blosser

### ***Topic/Subject***

### ***Discussion***

### ***Action***

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1045 AM by Mike Berg.

#### **Review & Approval of minutes from last Meeting**

Minutes from last meeting held on October 13, 2003 were read and discussed. No changes

Approval Deferred – No quorum.

#### **Agenda Items**

##### **1. Introductions**

Committee members and others present introduced themselves.

No action required

##### **2. Legislative Update**

Gary Brown informed members the General Assembly convened today for a 60-day session. The Office of EMS is tracking 12-15 of the bills and would start sending out Profiles and Grid Sheets on the status of the bills each Friday.

No action required

##### **3. OEMS Move Update**

Warren Short reported that the move of the office to the downtown location had been completed and that all services were back on-line with-in 1 week of the move. Mr. Short reported that the office

No action required

had experienced some problems with the mailing address and receiving mail. He reported that the time requirements on receiving reimbursement request had been suspended until the problem could be resolved. The office is also researching several methods for submission of test results from the field.

4. Division of Educational Development Report Steve Puckett presented a report from Bill Akers to answer the questions posed at the last meeting about the Pilot EMT Program in Southwest Virginia.

Steve Puckett reported that the office had Received a request from Southside Community College to conduct a similar Pilot EMT program in their region. A meeting has been scheduled with Chuck Terrell to discuss the program. Mr. Terrell Will present the program to the committee at the next meeting.

Tom Nevetral reported that NREMT has agreed to accept the current Virginia Continuing Education for 2004. Tom will place a copy of the letter from NREMT on the OEMS web site.

Tom Nevetral reported that on April 1, 2004, New Area numbers will be programmed into the system to transfer all CE credits to the new area numbers required by NREMT and current CE will be transferred to the new topics.

Tom reported that new Continuing Education Cards have been mailed to all EMT Instructors, ALS Coordinators and Regional EMS Councils.

An ALS-Coordinator Seminar is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> with 10 coordinators scheduled to attend for the roll-out portion and 30 new ALS Coordinators scheduled to complete the entire seminar.

Request for councils to be notified Coordinators who have not attended an update

Chad Blosser reported that the ALSTF Advisory Committee had been formed to address the use of the money from the Advanced Life Support Training Fund. The first meeting has been scheduled in March.

Chad Blosser reported on the current ALSTF expenditures and obligations and provided a handout with the current data. The current expenditures/obligations total \$187,180<sup>00</sup>.

Chad Blosser provided a list of accredited sites to the committee and that we have had inquiries from 4 EMT-Intermediate Programs and 1 EMT-Paramedic Program. The target of the program is to have one site per Planning District in the Commonwealth.

## 5. Sub-Committee Reports

EMT Examination Process – Remove from agenda

Web-Based CE:

The office is evaluating different methods to present the Instructor Updates via the web.

### 6. Consolidated Test Committee

No report

### 7. EMT-Basic use of Epinephrine

The Medical Advisors Board has appointed a sub-committee to research this subject to report at their next meeting.

### 8. RN to P Program/ NP to P Program

Tom reported that the implementation of the Jefferson College of Health Science Program has been delayed for one year.

Southwest Virginia Community College has reported an increased interest in the program for their region.

### 9. PA to P Program

Tom reported that the office is currently developing the requirements for this program.

### 10. EMT-Intermediate Test Pass/Fail Rate

Warren presented a presentation that outlined the pass/fail rates for each test we have in the system and compared these rates to the NREMT pass/fail rates.

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| 11. California/NREMT<br>Paramedic<br>Reciprocity     | Warren reported that California was allowing students to complete the NREMT EMT-Paramedic testing prior to completing the California course. If the student does not complete the course, California notifies the National Registry and they remove the certification. This creates a problem in Virginia as we accept a NREMT certification as proof the student has completed a certification course. To prevent this problem, the Office will require that any student not trained in Virginia present certification that they are qualified for certification in the state where they received the training. |
| 12. Difficult Airway<br>Management Trainer<br>Update | Tom provided a handout of the various trainers being evaluated for use. This list is to be presented to the Medical Direction Committee for evaluation of the trainers. Tom will invite vendors to demonstrate the trainers at the next meeting.   |
| 13. Five Year Strategic<br>Plan Work Process         | No known changes to original submission.   |
| 14. Old Business                                     | None   |
| 15. New Business                                     | None   |

Next Meeting April 14, 2004

Meeting Adjourned